CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	365.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1000181.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	11 March 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file depicts a woman being sexually penetrated by an animal and is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality. The purpose of the publication is the sexual arousal of viewers. The depiction of bestiality as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround the act and encourages experimentation by making bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.